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SUBJECT: BEIRUT BOMBING

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: DUBAI INTELLIGENCE CHIEF CITES GOOD SOURCE FOR REPORT
THAT LATEST BEIRUT EMBASSY BOMBING WAS WORK OF FADLALLAH. END
SUMMARY.

3. CHIEF OF DUBAI SPECIAL BRANCH (SB) AND DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE
(WHO MUST BE PROTECTED) TOLD OIC DUBAI ON 20 OCTOBER 84 THAT SB--

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WHICH OPERATES INDEPENDENTLY OF UAE FEDERATION--HAD OBTAINED GOOD INFORMATION ON GROUP BEHIND THE RECENT BOMBING OF U.S. EMBASSY ANNEX IN EAST BEIRUT. CHIEF SAID HIS INFORMATION CAME FROM "VERY RELIABLE PLO SOURCE WHO HAS REGULAR CONTACT WITH HEZBOLLAH GROUP LED BY MOHAMMED HUSSEYN FADLALLAH." ①

4. PLO SOURCE SAID APPROVAL FOR ANNEX ATTACK HAD COME PERSONALLY FROM FADLALLAH. BEFORE MAKING SUICIDE ATTACKS SMALL CELLS OF INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH IRANIAN SUPPORTED GROUPS SOUGHT BLESSING FROM EITHER FADLALLAH OR HUSSAIN MUSAVI. WHILE FADLALLAH PROFFESSES INNOCENCE THIS TIME SOURCE IS CERTAIN FADLALLAH BLESSED OPERATION. ✓

5. SOURCE ALSO MENTIONED THE NAME HUSSEIN SHEIKH AL ISLAM, IRANIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDERSECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, AS THE KEY CONDUIT FOR CONVEYING TEHRAN'S BLESSING ON MISSIONS. SOURCE SAYS SHAYKH AL-ISLAM VISITS LEBANON FREQUENTLY, SLIPPING ACROSS THE BORDER FROM SYRIA. ✓

6. BASED ON PREVIOUS CLOSE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN PLO AND IRANIAN BACKED GROUPS, CHIEF OF DUBAI SB SAID PLO SOURCE BELIEVES NEXT AREA OF HEZBOLLAD OPERATIONS WILL SHIFT TO THE USA OR EUROPE, WHERE HEZBOLLAH WILL USE EXILED IRAQI SHIA. PLO SOURCE ALSO SAID HEZBOLLAH HAD PROVED TO BE UNRELIABLE ALLY AND NO ARMS WERE FLOWING FROM PLO TO HEZBOLLAH AT PRESENT.

7. COMMENT: MUCH OF FOREGOING HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED BUT CONFIRMATION BY THIS PLO SOURCE, WHO HAD "RECENTLY ARRIVED IN DUBAI FROM LEBANON," MAY BE USEFUL. CHIEF OF SB, WHEN QUIZZED ON RELIABILITY OF HIS SOURCE, SAID HE WAS "HIGHLY RELIABLE" AND HAD BEEN INVOLVED WITH ARMS SUPPLY TO HEZBOLLAH IN EARLY DAYS IN LEBANON WHEN HEZBOLLAH WAS VIEWED AS POSSIBLE ALLY AGAINST CHRIST- IAN FALANGE. END COMMENT.

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